Memorandum by Gujarat Government regarding Floods

1505. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the additional amount demanded in the Memorandum submitted by Government of Gujarat to the Central Team which visited flood affected areas in September, 1994;

(b) what action Government of India has taken in this regard; and

(c) how much amount against the total demand of Rs. 606 crores Government desires to give?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) A Memorandum has been received from the Government of Gujarat projecting a financial requirement of Rs. 648.00 crores for relief and rehabilitation measures in the areas affected by heavy rains and floods during the South West Monsoon, 1994 and seeking a Central assistance of Rs. 303.52 crores.

(b) and (c) Under the existing scheme, the State Government is required to undertake relief and rehabilitation measures using the corpus of the Calamity Relief Fund. Gujarat has an annual Calamity Relief Fund of Rs. 85.00 crores consisting of a Central share of Rs. 63.75 crores and State share of Rs. 21.25 crores. The entire Central share of the Calamity Relief Fund for the current year as been released to the State Goverment including the advance release of the last quarterly instalment of Rs. 15.9375 crores due on 1st January, 1995.

Memorandum by the Gujarat Government for Central Assistance

1506. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has submitted a Memorandum to Government for additional Central assistance in connection with scarcity 1993-94;

(b) if so, the amount demanded by the State Government;

(c) what action has been taken by Government so far;

(d) whether Government has decided to release more fund as Central assistance after the visit of Hon'ble Agriculture Minister to scarcity affected areas in the State; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) During the visit of Agriculture Minister to some of the drought affected areas of Gujarat on 6th June, 1994 the State Government had sought generous support of Central Government for managing the drought situation. Government of India released the second and third quarterly instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief [illegible] 31.875 crores in advance [illegible]

मध्य प्रदेश में सोयाबीन का उत्पादन

1507. **श्री राघवजी** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1994 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में सोयाबीन का कितना उत्पादन होने का अनुमान है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले वर्षों के उत्पादन की तुलना में वर्ष 1994 में सोयाबीन का उत्पादन बहुत कम हुआ, यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में तुलनात्मक ब्यौरा क्या है और कम उत्पादन होने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) क्या फसल बीमा योजना के अंतर्गत सोयाबीन उत्पादकों को कोई क्षतिपूर्ति प्रदान की गई है, यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस. कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश में वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान सोयाबीन का उत्पादन 24.51 लाख टन होने की सम्भावना है ।

(ख) मध्य प्रदेश में वर्ष 1994-95 में सोयाबीन का उत्पादन वर्ष 1993-94 में अनुमानित 34.80 लाख टन से कम होने की सम्भावना है । मध्य प्रदेश में चालू वर्ष के दौरान सोयाबीन के उत्पादन में कमी का कारण, लगातार अत्यधिक वर्षा के परिणामस्वरूप क्षेत्र के साथ-साथ प्रति हैक्टेयर उत्पादकता में हुई कमी है ।

(ग) मध्य प्रदेश से खरीफ 1994 की फसल के लिये कोई दावे प्राप्त नहीं हुए हैं, जिसमें फसल बीमा योजना के तहत सोयाबीन भी शामिल है ।

Agition by the Employees of State Farm Corporation of India

1508. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to tate :

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the State Farm Corporation of India have been agitating for quite some time now :

(b) if so, the details of the salient points on which the employees have resorted to agitation path;

(c) whether this undertaking of Government had been running profitably out for the last two years it has been incurring losses; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The details of salient points on which the employees of State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) Limited have resorted to agitational path w.e.f. 7-11-1994 are as under :

(i) Implementation of agreement in full reached and signed by the Management and the Union on 7th February, 1992.

(ii) Introduction of time bound Promotion Policy.

(iii) 100% promotion may be given to the employees who have completed 8 years of service in the same post till introduction of promotion policy.

(iv) All vacant posts may be filled up by promotion through departmental candidates on seniority basis.

(v) Regularisation of daily-paid workers.

(vi) Enhancement of medical ceilings due to high rise in prices of medicines and reimbursement through salary.

(vii) Reimbursement of medical bills to the employees working under IDA pay scales according to the procedure of Central DA pattern.

(viii) The employees who are getting less salary under IDA pay scales may be considered to bring them at per with CDA employees.

(ix) Introduction of 5th round of wage negotiations with the Union for implementation w.e.f. 1-1-1992 in respect of the employees working under IDA scales as per the decision taken by the Government of India.

(x) Till introduction of 5th round of wage policy, kindly consider interim relief of Rs. 100 per month to the employees working under IDA pay scales through agreement with the Union and signing of undertaking as per the previous procedure.

(xi) Introduction of pay scales of Rs. 1640-2900 to the employees working under the pay scales of Rs. 425-800 (pre-revised)

(xii) Introductionof Uniform, Uniform Allowance and Canteen Allowance/Subsidy.

(xiii) Request to provide full fledged Union Office for union activities.

(xiv) Request for silver jublee celebration of State Farms Corporation of India.

(c) Financial performance of State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) Limited since 1985-86 has been indicated at the enclosed.

Statement (*See* below) It has been observed that the Corporation had earned only a token profit in the year 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92. Prior to that, the Corporation had been suffering losses in its working and the accumulated loss of the Corporation was to the tune of Rs. 954.14 lakhs at the end of March, 1988. Inspite of profit earned during the period from 1988-89 to 1991-92, the Corporation had not paid any dividend to the Government of India on account of equity investment made by the Government from time to time.

(d) The following are the main reasons for loss incurred by the Corporation during the year 1992-93 and 1993-94 :

(i) Increse in the wage and salary of the employees as per recommendation of High Powered Pay Committee (H.P.C.C.).

(ii) Increase in the price of fertilisers/ pesticides.